

FLETCHER'S HOME FELICITY.

How It Led to Captain Dempsey's Assault.

HE INSULTED HIS WIFE.

The Accused Captain Tells of the Manner in Which He Came To Attack His Superior Officer, Etc., Etc.

Captain Dempsey Testifies.

The court martial of Captain Dempsey, charged with assaulting a superior officer, Colonel Joshua S. Fletcher, was resumed yesterday morning.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the blue-coated, belted and epauletted jurors ranged themselves along the table in the court martial room in the B. B. building, clear stumps were cupped and the trial went on.

Captain Dempsey, looking blue and browned and perfectly at ease, as usual, was seated in his accustomed seat behind Captain Ray, the acting judge advocate, while Colonel Morrow, the presiding officer, at the head of the table, bore the same austere aspect as of old.

Captain Dempsey, the accused, was the first witness. His statement was as follows: "In the morning in question I went to my quarters and was met on the porch by a member of his family; heard him talking to Colonel Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. McFarland; heard Colonel Fletcher say that he had paid for a certain dog cart. Mrs. Fletcher said: 'No you didn't; you remember I gave you a check for \$200 and I was with this you paid for the cart.' Colonel Fletcher replied vehemently, 'You are a damned liar and a thief, and have taken things out of my house which did not belong to you.' I said to the lady I was talking to, 'I can't stand this; I am going in there or going away.' She tried me not to go away, and then Mrs. McFarland called me in. Colonel Fletcher was in his shirt sleeves. Mrs. McFarland said: 'Captain Dempsey, you must tell us what Colonel Fletcher said about you. He accuses you of improper relations with my sister-in-law.' Colonel Fletcher denied this, but I said: 'I saw her, and she was with me, making no effort to defend herself. Mrs. McFarland said: 'He did not say, captain, and he also called my sister a liar and a thief.' Colonel Fletcher denied this and I said: 'You are a damned liar and a coward, for I heard you.' He related his denial and soon after I left in disgust."

Then Captain Dempsey recounted his second interview with Colonel Fletcher, which took place the next morning, in the presence of Adjutant Kniss, and which has been published in these columns repeatedly.

Cross-examination: "My relations with Colonel Fletcher before this affair had always been friendly and pleasant."

"I knew that Colonel Fletcher's remarks were addressed to Mrs. Fletcher because they were in reply to her remarks about giving him a check, and going away, and then Mrs. McFarland called me in. Only part of the conversation between Colonel Fletcher and his wife."

Question by the court: "Was Mrs. Fletcher in the room when you went in that morning and found the ladies?"

"No, sir, she had retired, and whether she came in afterward or not, I am not sure."

After ten minutes' recess, Mrs. Fletcher was called to the stand and examined by Captain Dempsey.

The lady is a plump little woman, considerably under the ordinary stature, but what she lacks in height she makes up in comeliness. She was dressed in a close-fitting black jacket and dress, with a little maroon bonnet, surmounted with an old gold bow. She was demure and quiet, and answered the interrogations in a low, soft voice, but without any symptoms of trepidation or embarrassment.

"Please state to the court your full name and residence," said the captain.

"Mary Thomas Fletcher, residence Philadelphia."

"Did Colonel Fletcher accuse you of improper relations with yourself on the morning of the 19th of June?"

"He certainly did and that is the reason he sent me from his house. He said his house could no longer be a house of prostitution. He said he would give me fifteen minutes to get out."

Cross-examination by the judge advocate: "Are you still living with Colonel Fletcher?"

"No, sir, I am not."

"When did you leave his house?"

"On the morning of the 19th of June."

"Are you the wife of Colonel Fletcher?"

"I am."

Here Mrs. Fletcher was excused, being recalled immediately, however, in order that the court might propound the following question:

"Did Colonel Fletcher, on the morning of the 19th of June last, call you a liar and a thief?"

"He did at the dining-room table about a quarter to 8."

The lady being again excused, the judge advocate announced to the court that Captain Dempsey had no further statement to make, and that no argument for or against would be offered.

The court then closed.

IN THE COURTS.

Justice Working With Ease on Very Dry Cases.

Judge Hopewell has not yet arrived from Burlington, where he has been holding court during the past two weeks.

Judge Doane is hearing the second of the list of Van Ethen vs. Abraham cases.

The case against William Reynolds, charged with the larceny of a set of harness, will be called this morning.

W. M. Morrison, of Clarinda, Ia., was admitted to practice by Judge Wakeley. Mr. Morrison is a brother of E. M. Morrison, president of the Pacific Express company, and has been a leader at the Page county, Ia., bar for the past two years.

Judge Wakeley has appointed J. F. Moriarty, M. D. McGuff, J. H. McIntosh, J. P. English and H. B. Groom as members of the bar committee on membership applications and certificates for the September term.

John L. McCague has commenced suit in the district court against M. S. Bartlett and Robert Wilson, for \$2,288 on a promissory note.

Christian Anderson has filed suit in the district court for a divorce from his wife, Engul Anderson, on the grounds of drunkenness and adultery.

Paul Lass has commenced suit against E. S. Road, praying for an injunction to restrain him from selling certain chattel mortgages given to secure two notes for \$30 and \$100 respectively, upon which Lass alleges that there has been paid the sum of \$190, but that Road refuses to give him credit for more than \$75, claiming the balance as money for extending the time of the notes. The petition also prays for judgment against Road in the sum of \$479 due as laborer's hire.

Annie R. Kinkaid has filed a suit for \$5,300 damages against Arvilla C. Guild, the damages resulting from the fault of the defendant cutting the sewer pipe leading into the house occupied by the defendant, allowing noxious gases to escape into the building.

The cases of Henry Linington, accused of an assault upon Annie Jensen, and that of Van Ethen vs. Abraham, were given to the jury last evening.

County Court.

The docket for the October term in the county court was called yesterday. There were 173 cases on the list, the largest docket ever known in this court. Judgments were rendered in the following cases by default: Bernard C. Van Ethen vs. S. L. Andrews, for plaintiff, \$27.57.

J. H. Millard vs. L. P. Pruyn, for plaintiff, \$10.71.

N. F. Sears vs. Ada B. Toft, for plaintiff, \$67.35.

Sechster & Co. vs. Jas. A. Brown, for plaintiff, \$38.48.

Joseph H. Millard, trustee, vs. L. P. Pruyn et al., for plaintiff, \$103.71.

Louis Shaders Sons Co. vs. T. H. Colter, for plaintiff, and same vs. same, \$405.10.

J. M. Edmonson vs. Charles S. Schenck et al., for plaintiff, \$22.50.

Mrs. M. A. Bryan has commenced suit against the Western Casket company to recover \$205.39 on a note.

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE.

The First Session Meets in This City Yesterday.

The twenty-second annual session of the Nebraska grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the castle hall of Nebraska, lodge No. 1, on Fourteenth street.

The hall had been handsomely decorated by the committee on decorations, consisting of Brothers C. P. Murphy and U. B. Balcombe. The arch over the grand chancellor's station was decorated with bunting arranged in a glory, showing the colors of the order, from which was suspended the grand lodge symbol, trimmed with myrtle.

At the back of the alcove was a bank of plants arranged in the form of a triangle, the symbol of the order, and about the lodge room were placed a profusion of beautiful flowers and plants, the table of the grand lodge being covered with a white cloth and adorned with handsome bouquets of cut flowers.

The body was called to order by Dr. S. R. Patton, C. and chairman of the committee on arrangements, who introduced Mayor Broatch. The list of delegates will be found on the second page.

Mayor Patton stated that he had been called upon to address the assembly in his capacity as the city executive and also as a member of the order. He referred briefly to the fact that this is the first session of the grand lodge which has been held in this city and enumerated the many attractions which would be presented to the members for their entertainment, the miles of paved streets, the numerous manufacturing institutions and the large buildings in the business district.

The mayor also called the attention of the delegates to the observance of the Sunday laws and the high state of morality prevailing in the city. He then welcomed the grand lodge to the city and extended the hand of welcome.

After the applause had subsided, Grand Chancellor W. H. Love, of Lincoln, made an eloquent response.

"I thank you for the kindly expression just made, and yet I would not wish to say words upon your part to say that we were welcome, for from the first time we entered the gates of this city, we have been treated with the most comfortable and happy, and I believe we were welcome."

"I hope and trust the actions of this grand lodge will be such that you will never have cause to regret our having assembled in your midst, or sorry that you have been so warmly welcomed."

A blessing to you and to your city. May the acts of this grand lodge be a blessing to the citizens of Omaha and to all the human family. The three principles of Pythianism—friendship, charity and benevolence—have been planted, watered, and have blossomed with the growth and the fruitage, which are but the result of honest endeavors upon which God has placed his benediction."

"I wish to return to you and through you to the citizens of Omaha, the thanks of this grand lodge and the thanks of 6,000 knights throughout the jurisdiction of Nebraska for the kindly welcome you have given us."

Following the remarks of the grand chancellor, Dr. Patton invited the grand lodge to take part in the ride to the lake, provided for their entertainment in the afternoon.

The lodge then went into close session and administered the grand lodge degree to the new representatives, after which an adjournment was taken until this morning at 11 o'clock.

Owing to the late hour at which an adjournment was taken, the delegates did not assemble in readiness for the drive until about half past 2 o'clock.

At that time the entire grand lodge and a number of ladies were seated in about forty-five carriages, and started on the ride to the lake, which was announced in Monday's Bee. The trip was a revelation to the entire party, many of the ladies having never seen the city through which the carriages passed. Expressions of delight and surprise were heard on every side, and a jollier crowd never graced Omaha with their presence.

About 5 o'clock the party drew up at the Big and New York Life buildings, which were inspected thoroughly by the delegates. The unanimous opinion that this was a most fitting ending to a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

The following ladies are in the city, accompanying some of the delegates to the grand lodge:

Mrs. R. O'Neill and Mrs. H. E. Chapel, of Lincoln; Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Aurora; Mrs. Jos. Dunkin, of Ravenna; Mrs. L. A. Brower, of Chadron; Mrs. H. B. Baldwin and Mrs. Grace Halden, of Elkhorn.

During the evening the delegates were left to amuse themselves, which they did in various ways. Most of the ladies were present at the various places of amusement, while others, who are of a practical turn of mind, held a secret caucus in one of the leading hotels, and there they discussed the coming election of grand lodge officers. The officers over which there will be the hottest contest over the election of the grand lodge, there are two supreme representatives from this state, who are elected for two years each. Last year Omaha had both representatives, one of whom holds over. The term of the other has expired and Omaha wants to elect its successor. But Lincoln enters a strong objection. The office of grand chancellor was held by a Lincoln man last year, and there will be a spirited contest over the election of his successor.

The following is a list of the Pythians now in the city at the grand lodge:

Nebraska No. 1, Omaha, Charles J. Johnson, Dr. C. M. Dinsmore.

Myrtle No. 2, Omaha, George W. Sabine, W. H. Sawyer.

Bellevue No. 3, Papillion, L. G. Sells.

Planet No. 4, Omaha, Julius Treitschke, Jacob Frank.

Star No. 5, Omaha, John W. Honza.

Garnet No. 6, Blair, Donna Alibery.

Eureka No. 7, Nebraska City, Joseph M. Taylor.

Hesperian No. 8, Fremont, C. E. Kramer.

Star No. 9, Ashland, James Daniel, Nelson Sheffer.

Anchor No. 10, Pawnee City, O. E. Hall.

Elk Creek No. 11, Elk Creek, W. S. H. McLaughlin.

Millard No. 12, Bennett, John C. Ell.

York No. 13, York, Charles A. McGilchrist.

Gem No. 14, Kearney, R. A. Julian.

Excelsior No. 15, Clay Center, John M. Jones.

Lincoln No. 16, Lincoln, J. W. Percival.

Charles Harvey, H. M. Sauer, L. C. Dunn.

Tennesh No. 17, Tennesee, T. H. Burke.

Fairbury No. 18, Fairbury, H. B. Wallace.

Morning No. 19, Norfolk, J. W. Rose.

Occidental No. 20, Columbus, John M. Farland, C. C. Berenger.

Elkhorn Valley No. 21, West Point, Carl Schuler.

Scholar No. 22, Nebraska City, F. Brancor.

West Point No. 24, West Point, D. C. Giffert.

Humboldt No. 25, Humboldt, I. E. Schraeger.

Omaha No. 26, Omaha, H. Hornberger, J. P. Lund.

Herculean No. 27, Rising City, E. C. Cook.

Hastings No. 28, Hastings, W. A. Dillworth, A. E. Allen.

Calhoun No. 29, Red Cloud, L. H. Wallace.

Beatrice No. 30, Beatrice, no report.

Steele No. 31, Steele, H. H. Christy.

Triumph No. 32, Fremont, F. L. Ellick, J. A. Erick, F. Dolezal.

Superior No. 33, Superior, H. F. Holtman.

Prine No. 34, Leavenworth, J. F. Hurler.

Auburn No. 35, Auburn, J. H. Haver.

Apollo No. 36, Lincoln, W. S. Hamilton.

H. M. Bushnell.

Ironhorse No. 37, Johnson, D. D. Adams.

Mystic No. 38, Holdrege, Nels Nelson.

Triangle No. 39, Chadron, L. H. Rodgers.

Pierce No. 40, L. B. Smith.

A. B. Marshall No. 41, Lincoln, H. E. Chappe, E. T. Roberts.

Willow Grove No. 42, McCook, J. W. Campbell.

Helmet No. 43, O'Neill, A. J. Handlon.

Cyrus No. 44, Table Rock, H. H. Hanson.

Danion No. 45, Davis City, T. J. Murphy.

Nysian No. 46, Grand Island, William H. Hooper.

Gauntlet No. 47, Plattsmouth, W. W. Drummond.

Harmonia No. 48, Wymore, T. M. Sale-siver.

Hector No. 49, Stella, J. S. Mann.

Evergreen No. 50, Weeping Water, W. A. Hase.

Adelphi No. 51, Albion, no report.

Blue Valley No. 52, Hebron, J. H. Green.

Danucus No. 53, Chadron, L. A. Bower.

Triangle No. 54, Omaha, R. H. Lucas, H. A. Webster, R. B. Patton.

Teutonia No. 55, Hastings, S. Schwabold.

Vigil No. 56, Nebraska, no report.

Montgomery No. 57, Creighton, James H. Lucas.

Red Cross No. 58, Blue Hill, D. P. New-comer.

Pythagoras No. 59, Omaha, Morris Mor-rison.

Damocles No. 60, Hickman, W. B. Morrison.

Ooster No. 61, Broken Bow, W. J. Woods.

Iris No. 62, Ashland, H. B. King, A. H. Goulet.

Renithworth No. 63, Afton, W. H. Williams.

Sheridan No. 64, Rushville, W. W. Wood.

Lotus No. 65, Wayne, R. M. Goshorn.

Silver No. 66, Greenwood, George E. Fin-ley.

Amaranth No. 67, Grafton, S. P. Hainer.

Capital City No. 68, Lincoln, O. P. Dinges.

S. J. Dennis, F. F. Roese, J. E. Riggs.

Parke No. 69, Omaha, O. P. Thompson, C. O. Roemer.

Chevalier No. 70, Grafton, Shadrack Doty.

Mt. Shasta No. 71, Omaha, A. A. McFad-den, Charles S. Carter.

Antlers No. 72, Elkhorn, C. W. Baldwin.

Geneva No. 73, Geneva, E. M. Hillings.

Minerva No. 74, Tecumseh, J. W. Battreall.

Sutton No. 75, Sutton, no report.

Orion No. 76, Omaha, W. L. Seism, Harry Merriam.

Beaver City No. 77, Beaver City, Charles E. Hopping.

Seward No. 78, Seward, J. S. Leonard.

Enterprise No. 79, South Omaha, William Bauman.

Viola No. 80, Omaha, A. E. Pike.

Ewing No. 81, Ewing, J. A. Prommer.

Marathon No. 82, Omaha, W. S. Denny.

Harvard No. 83, Harvard, L. G. Hurd.

Forrest No. 84, Omaha, J. A. Johnson.

Union No. 85, Madison, J. L. Gillett.

Ord No. 86, Ord, George H. Stover.

Springfield No. 87, Springfield, Samuel Starkey.

Clarion No. 88, Nonpareil, James H. Danks.

Longfellow No. 89, Hooper, Fred J. Horne.

Avonoy No. 90, Puka, J. H. Orr.

Crescent No. 91, Elmwood, William Deles-dor.

Shelton No. 92, Shelton, F. E. Ellis.

Lucullus No. 93, Bloomington, F. H. Har-mon.

South Fork No. 94, Dabois, David Darling-ton.

Virginia No. 95, Omaha, Edmund Paul-son.

Nestor No. 96, Crawford, B. H. McCrewe.

Good Samaritan No. 97, Omaha, George E. Wilson.

Valiant No. 98, Sidney, H. E. Gappen.

Wahoo No. 99, Wahoo, H. F. Good.

Advance No. 100, Culbertson, H. H. Dil-lon.

Emblematic Valley No. 101, Benkleman, V. E. Barger.

Woodland No. 102, Stanton, V. H. Wells.

Curtis No. 103, Curtis, no report.

Eagle No. 104, Eagle, Samuel S. English.

Brainerd No. 105, Brainerd, S. W. C. Wauer.

Diana No. 106, Beatrice, C. S. Tosselman.

Delta No. 107, Nelson, E. S. Davis.

Buffalo No. 108, Madrid, W. H. Parde.

Mount No. 109, Nebraska City, J. E. Fetter.

Pallas No. 110, Schuyler, John W. Artley.

Marmion No. 111, Loup City, J. P. Jeffords.

Kismet No. 112, Ravenna, J. W. Danks.

Ciel No. 113, St. Paul, Dr. C. S.

America No. 114, Fullerton, J. W. Tanner.

Maquoka No. 115, North Platte, James C. Folsom.

Saline No. 116, Crete, P. D. Williams.

Pythian No. 117, Claydon, C. C. Harison.

Representatives are required to be provided with their official jewels in order to gain admission to the grand lodge.

The officers of the grand lodge are as follows:

Richard O'Neill, past grand chancellor, Lincoln; W. H. Love, grand vice chan-celler, Omaha; H. W. Weyertson, grand prelate, Pierce; Charles G. Allen, grand master of exchequer, Aluxworth; E. E. French, grand keeper of records, Scotts-bloom; O. L. Green, grand master at arms, Kearney; George R. Green, grand in-ward, Geneva; E. E. Hoyt, grand out-ward, Loup City; W. E. Copeland, J. S. Shropshire, supreme representatives, Omaha.

Edholm & Akin. "Who are they?"

VAUGHN'S LITTLE BILL.

It Again Comes Up For Consideration By the Commissioners.

All the county commissioners were present at the special meeting yesterday afternoon. County Treasurer Bolla submitted a report of miscellaneous fees collected in his office during the quarter ending September 30, 1889, amounting to \$100.

A communication from Architect Myers addressed to Superintendent Coats, recommended that the sewage of the county hospital be